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PEARY'S OWN STORY OF VOYAGE TO NORTH POLE

DOUGHT OWEN'S WHISKEY OR SHELMAN'S MONEY WIN?

Are You Interested In Democratic Success?—I Ask For a Fair Election and Square Count—Only Democrats Ought to Vote. Nominate The Strongest Man.

BETWEEN DEMOCRATS, COUNTY ORGANIZATION SHOULD NOT BE USED

To Democrats of Tenth Senatorial District:

Mr. R. W. Owen and Mr. E. H. Shelman, my opponents, wisely decline to meet me over the district in joint debate. If they could not meet me, they have no right to ask Democracy to place its colors in their hands. They must, if nominated, face their records in the hands of Republican accusers. Therefore, it is now timely and right for me to hold up to the Democrats of the District a part of their records. And, if they are able, let them show why and wherein I am not worthy. Let the strongest one of us go before the whole people. Facts are facts and money will not change them. I believe that I can make the strongest race in the final election. Some of my reasons are the following, viz:

No. 1. Both Mr. Owen and Mr. Shelman voted for Tax Warrant Law. For the sake of the Democratic Ticket in Breckinridge county, if nothing else, I do not think it wise to nominate a man who voted for this law. Nearly 3,000 poor men of our county, and a comparative number of Hancock and Meade, danced to the tune of \$2.00 each and my opponents were "fiddling" when the law was passed that originated this useless imposition. Soberly weighed, does this fact not bar them as logical men to face the Republicans.

No. 2. A law was introduced compelling a list to be delivered to the assessor, and all holders of mortgage and lien notes must pay taxes thereon. Mr. Shelman introduced the following amendment, couched in the following words, viz: "EXCEPT TRUST COMPANIES AND BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS." His amendment, be it said to the discredit of the Legislature was accepted. Those he would have excepted deal in these notes. Private individuals, such as largely compose his constituency, would have thus had loaded on them a greater burden of taxation. I am now, as always, for corporate rights. However, I am for equal rights to all and special privileges to none. Mr. Shelman objects to and actually fought the proposed law giving Kentucky a State Bank Examiner. Do not the Owensbury failures emphasize the necessity for such a law? Are not depositors entitled to it?

No. 3. The man who now assesses his property according to law pays taxes on the basis of 100 per cent of the fair cash value of his property, at a voluntary sale. Mr. Shelman, the banker, as a lawmaker, contended and now contends that banks should only assess on a basis of 80 per cent. He now has a suit, which I am fighting as County Attorney which is based on this contention. Let him explain this to those who assess their property according to law. The basis should be the same for all, bankers or individuals.

No. 4. About six hundred farmers of this district are policy holders in the Farmers' Insurance Company, a Breckinridge and Meade county institution. The cost of insurance in the Eastern

Companies is more than ten times as much as it is in this local concern. This is one of the greatest enterprises for mutual protection and home advancement that any county ever had. Let Senator Owen explain to our people his attitude and vote on this insurance question. What a man has done in so important a matter as this can but indicate whether or not he was representing his home people. Let them both explain where they were and what they were doing when the Revenue Law placed the tax on nearly everything that a man touches, which things were heretofore untaxed. Let them show some laws that were passed in the interest of OUR people. Each community fights for what it gets—what did ours get?

No. 5. The purpose of any combined opposition and their organized backers is to defeat me, regardless of method. Any Democrat ought to see their strategy. My opponents have had repeated references. Shelman plays the temperance people on his straight voting record, but with the necessary variations. Owen caters to the whiskey people on his voting record which is said to be like Joseph's coat. I saw the last Democratic candidate for governor defeated because this question was injected into politics by our party. It is a mistake for anti-whiskey people and is a like mistake for whiskey people. Whoever is nominated has to beat a Republican. No man can vote but one way and there are Democrats who honestly see each way. I do not know what bills, or in what form they will come before me on this and other questions. I shall simply advise myself and then vote as my conscience and the interest of my district dictate. I feel that this is politics, fairness and honesty—a combination necessary to success.

No. 6. Who is the stronger man? If both of my opponents stay on the track, it is generally conceded that I will get more than one-third of the votes of Breckinridge county. It is conceded that I am the contending man both in Meade, my old home, and Hancock, as it is. If Owen gets off, I will get Hancock, and if Shelman gets off, I will get Meade. So, it seems to me, in view of my opponents record and general conditions, I am the logical man to face the Republicans. This is my strength in what is practically a one man fight—not backed by money, organization or special interests. Examine the House and Senate Journals. They give my opponents' records. If these were personal or private matters, I would not mention them. However, they are public matters and proper subjects for investigation and comment.

No. 7. I respectfully request that the Democrats of the district devote a little of their time on election day to my interests, thereby furthering their own. See that I am represented by election officers and there is a fair election and a square count. See that I have a challenger at each voting place and that only Democrats vote. Any Democrat is

entitled to this at the hands of his party, even if "THE ORGANIZATION" does not smile on him. I can offer nothing to assist my friends except to pledge to make a Senator who will be without price or favorites, and I must leave my interests in their hands and I believe they will continue actively for me. I am for the best things for the most people.

No. 8. When confronted with the alarming fact, Shelman says he was opposed to Tax Warrants. Read the records. If he has brass enough to deny his position on this, can you believe what he says about anything? His vote is recorded for the law, and he helped make poorer thousands of men whose vote he now seeks. He says his amendment excepting corporations from listing for taxation was adopted instead of rejected. Then, he originated the thing I only accused him of supporting. I find in Meade that he tells people I agreed not to become a candidate. This is anything but the truth. He also tells them that I am for raising taxes generally and all other untrue stuff about schools. He seems to tell just anything that will do for an evasion or answer of my circular. He has even been caught tearing down my circulars. He tells them that I permitted the Fiscal Court to raise my salary. I served four years at \$500 a year, and, without my asking it my salary was raised to \$600. Is this a recommendation or a slander, as intended?

No. 9. He knows that he and Owen control the Committee. He and Owen know that it was their purpose in calling a high priced primary to run me off the track. People tell me that he claims that I am attacking all officeholders and active party men as "practical politicians." This is false. I mean by the "machine" the gang of supposed leaders who count men out of votes duly voted for them, like was done for Owen in 1906 in Breckinridge by the same people who are now fighting me for Mr. Shelman; all of which is not Democratic and can but ruin our party. The man who is managing our county ticket's campaign has no right to use his position and influence and the organization that he is to use against the Republicans against me. Especially is this true when he is the County Chairman and holds other party positions. Democrats ought to think about this, especially candidates. I know and my friends know what is going on.

No. 10. Whiskey is coming in five gallon lots and money flows freely against me. I have no money to spend for whiskey, for boosters or for votes. My opponents and their managers know it. I can but ask true Democrats to stand by me for sake of principle. It is a hard battle against these unfair influences in the hands of an organization that all of us helped to build. If I am defeated, let all poor men, regardless of their merit or record, step to the rear and remember that a man without money had no place in politics. Shelman

uses his bank to coerce men to vote for him and both of my opponents boast of how much they can put into the campaign. I pledge myself to be a Senator without price or favorites and I can do the ticket more good with my record and speeches than they can with their money. They may deary my stand for the people, but I came of them and have a record of eight years that I gladly compare it with their records of much shorter time.

No. 11. All I want is a fair election and a square count and if they can beat me, my hat is off to the successful man, and I am for the nominee. Give me the nomination and I will make speeches in all the precincts of the three counties, if desired. I am told that my opponents will come out in cards against me in all the papers of the district in the last issue before the election. Why did they not make their charges in joint debates, or why did they not make them sooner that I might answer them? It is all too plain.

Trusting that my friends will devote some time to my interests on election day, I am, believing that I have this nomination won,

Very truly,
GUS BROWN.

WORK THAT TELLS.

The Kind Cloverport Readers Appreciate.

Cures that last are cures that tell. To thoroughly know the virtues of a medicine you must investigate the cures and see if they prove permanent. Doan's Kidney Pills stand this test, and plenty of proof exists right here in this locality. People who testified years ago to relief from backache, kidney and urinary disorders, now declare that relief was permanent and the cure perfect. Can any Cloverport sufferer longer doubt the evidence?

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(From statement given April 9, 1903.)
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Delightful Outing.

Will Tompkins, of Richard's Landing, who was here last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harris, gave a boat party on his private launch for Miss Jennie Mabel Harris Friday afternoon. The guests included several young people who were given a delicious luncheon by Mrs. Harris. Mr. Tompkins is planning to take an extensive trip west and will probably leave in the next ten days.

TO THE DEMOCRATS OF THE TENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

Fellow Democrats:

On account of my inability to see each one of you personally, and, because of the many and various articles which the Hon. Gus Brown, one of my opponents for the nomination for State Senator in this district, has caused to be published and circulated throughout the district, it has become necessary for me to address the voters through the newspapers. Now, after a number of my friends had solicited me to make the race, knowing that Mr. Brown had also been mentioned as a prospective candidate for the same office, I went to Mr. Brown and asked him if he expected to make the race. He told me positively that if someone else wanted to make the race he would not, as he told others. Now, being urged to make the race and, understanding that he would not if he had any opposition from any source, I announced my candidacy. In a short time after, Mr. Owen, of Hancock county, announced his candidacy also. If I had known that Mr. Brown would be a candidate I would not have been, but only because the people insisted that we have a candidate from Breckinridge county, did I allow myself drawn into this race. In a short time after this, Mr. Brown, very much to my surprise, announced his candidacy for the same office. If he had only admitted to me that he would make the race, I would not have annoyed the voters of the county by asking them to choose between us.

What is his platform? He is for the modification of the present school law. What modification does he propose? Is he in favor of knocking out the high school of the county, where the boys and girls of Breckinridge county have an opportunity to educate themselves at home and with practically no expense? Is he in favor of strictly private schools, where only the rich can educate their children? What remedy does he suggest? What modification would he make? Besides, when he attacks me in regard to the common school law of Kentucky, he probably forgets that when the present law was passed I was not a member of the General Assembly and could not possibly have had anything to do with the making of this law. He says in one of his cards, and I presume, presents the same argument personally to those he meets, that he was not able to represent himself before the committee, and one would infer that he was not before the committee at any time. Now, the fact is that the first time the committee met to consider the time and manner of making this nomination that all the candidates were invited to be present and all were present. Mr. Brown, alone, advocated deferring action until he could see the people and become better acquainted in the district. The committee adjourned at this meeting, June 14th, until July 19th. Then when the meeting was held according to adjournment, Mr. Brown, knowing for more than a month the time of the meeting, was not present. The committee called Mr. Brown over the telephone and asked him to express his preference as to time and manner of making said nominations. After getting his views the same were stated to the committee, which took the action it did and called a primary election without any suggestion from me, as the minutes of the meeting show.

Mr. Brown further says, in regard to the present Revenue Laws, that I proposed an amendment to the same, which was rejected. The fact is that I did propose an amendment and the same was adopted and is at present a part of the Revenue Law. This amend-

ment was for the sole purpose of saving the county and State money in making lists for the Assessor and Board of Supervisors when the property exempted by my amendment was already exempt from such taxation and that by the Statutes of Kentucky.

He also refers to the Tax Warrant Bill. If he had been the author of this bill then, indeed, would I refuse to ask for your vote, but six lawyers framed that bill and had it passed by the Legislature and I was unalterably opposed to it.

Now, on Sept. 6, Mr. Brown has issued a last circular which is more of an attack on Mr. Owen than on me, but which refers to the Fire Insurance Bill introduced at the last session of the Legislature. I am at present a director in the Planters Co-operative Insurance Co., which is for the benefit of the farmers of Meade and Breckinridge Counties. Has Mr. Brown ever been identified with the interests of any enterprise of this kind? Has he ever been a member of the farmers organizations in this or any other county? What are Mr. Brown's agricultural interests? True, I am interested in a bank at Irvington and I am also a farmer. No farmer in this county can possibly be more interested for the success of the farmer than I am. Would you rather have a farmer looking after your interest or a lawyer? The trouble has been with our laws now that most of them have been framed and passed by a Legislature composed chiefly of lawyers and professional politicians.

Mr. Brown also accuses me of pledging my support to Joe Blackburn, which I deny absolutely and defy anyone to establish his statement at true. I pledged myself to no man in that race nor to any man or set of men in this race. Neither will I serve any interests except the people of my district in case of my election. He has attacked not only me, but his county and district organization as well, trying to tell the people that the "practical politicians" and the "machine" are against him. Will Mr. Brown please explain what he means by the "practical politicians" and the "machine"? The fact is Mr. Brown is making a Napoleon Bonaparte Hayes campaign, criticising everybody and everything but himself, offering no remedy for anything except that he wants to be elected State Senator. He points with pride to his official record as County Attorney and says that if he is elected he will vote as his conscience and the conception of his duty dictates. Would he first vote to raise his own salary? Four years ago when Mr. Brown was elected County Attorney to succeed himself, when there was a move made on the part of someone to raise the salary of the County Judge and the County Attorney, did Mr. Brown oppose that measure with the same degree of vigor that has characterized his opposition to my claims that to the agricultural interests seemed as just and deserving as the one increasing his and the County Judge's salary, and that, too, by a court of which they were members. Ask Mr. Brown if the salary of those two officers are not larger than they were when he was elected? Does that seem that he has only the interests of his constituents at heart or that sometimes he forgets the great common people in his interest for Gus?

I have endeavored to make this race free from personalities or anything savoring of criticism to anybody, but in justice to myself, I was compelled to reply to some of the attacks made by my opponent in this race.

Trusting I will have the proper consideration at your hands and pledging you my support of the nominee, whoever it may be, whatever your verdict may be on the 18th day of September, I am

Very Respectfully,
E. H. Shelman.

VOTE FOR

DICK OWEN FOR STATE SENATE

Democratic Primary, Saturday, September 18, 1909